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Advisory Action After the Filing of an Appeal Brief

See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(2).

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The reply filed 22 December 2004 is acknowledged.
1. The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will <u>not</u> be entered because:
a. The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).
b. The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief.

2. The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

Note: This paragraph is for a reply filed in response to one of the following: (a) an examiner's answer that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.39(a)(2)); (b) a supplemental examiner's answer written in response to a remand by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 CFR 41.50(a)(2)); or (c) a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(b)).

- 3. The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.
- 4. A Other: This Advisory Action is to notify the Applicant that the Amendment filed 30 June 2003 to change the title has been entered. For purposes of Appeal, the claims remain rejected as indicated on the attached sheet. The Application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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Grounds of Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
- 2. Claims 12-14 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stolowitz, U.S. Patent 6,018,778, and further in view of White, <u>How Computers Work</u>.